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Fort Hancock Agents Seize 675 Pounds of Marijuana in Burlap Sacks in Ford Truck

One Local Resident Arrested, Faces Drug Smuggling Charges

EL PASO, Texas---Border Patrol agents in Fort Hancock, Texas, seized 675 pounds of marijuana on Saturday, Feb. 1, and made three arrests in connection with the incident about four miles west of the Fort Hancock Port of Entry.

The incident unfolded when agents encountered a dark colored pickup traveling in a notorious smuggling area carrying three occupants. Agents could see several burlap sacks in plain view in the bed of the truck. As agents approached the vehicle, agents also noticed some bundles in the cab of the truck. A vehicle stop was then made on the truck without incident. Agents say that one of the subjects had a bundle on her lap when she exited the vehicle.

All three of the subjects were taken into custody and turned over the El Paso office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), along with the contraband. All three subjects are believed to be El Paso residents. The 1992 Ford F-150 pickup that was being driven by the three subjects was turned over to Hudspeth County authorities.

To date, agents in Fort Hancock have made a total of 19 narcotics seizures, valued at \$5.4 million.

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